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1. SOVIET FISHERIES MINISTER ISHKOV STOPPED FOR A FEW HOURS
IN COPENHAGEN APRIL 27 WHILE TRANSITING FROM REYKJAVIK TO
BERLIN. THE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT WAS TO MEET THE NEW DANISH
FISHERIES MINISTER AND TO DISCUSS FISHING PROBLEMS CONCERNING
THE BALTIC AND THE EC.

2. ISHKOV SAID THE REASON RECENT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE SWEDES AND THE SOVIETS (REFTEL) REGARDING THE BALTIC BROKE DOWN WAS BECAUSE THE SWEDES WANTED TO DISCUSS THE NUMBER OF SOVIET VESSELS WHICH WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE NEW SWEDISH ZONE. THE SOVIETS REFUSED TO DISCUSS THIS ISSUE BECAUSE THAT WOULD INDICATE THEIR TACIT APPROVAL OF THE EXTENSION OF SWEDISH LIMITS AND THEY ARE STILL VERY MUCH OPPOSED TO SUCH A MOVE BY THE SWEDES.

3. IN DISCUSSION WITH THE DANISH FISHERIES MINISTER JACOBSEN, FISHERIES DIRECTOR HERTOFT AND FISHERIES STAFF MEMBERS LOKKEGAARD AND VELTZE, MINISTER ISHKOV SOLICITED AND RECEIVED DANISH SUPPORT (THUS THE EC) FOR THE SOVIET POSITION, AND SO THE DANES WILL JOIN WITH THE SOVIETS, POLAND AND GDR AND FIRMLY OPPOSE THE SWEDISH MOVE. MR. HERTOFT HAS BEEN IN TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION WITH BONN AND RECEIVED THEIR CONCURRENCE WITH THE DANISH POSITION. THIS LEAVES ONLY FINLAND TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE SWEDES.

4. MR. HERTOFT WILL BE IN STOCKHOLM ON APRIL 29 TO DISCUSS THE BALTIC ISSUE WITH THE SWEDES. ANOTHER ISSUE TO BE RAISED IN STOCKHOLM CONCERNS THE NEGOTIATING OF A NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN SWEDEN AND DENMARK REGARDING MUTUAL FISHING IN THE KATTEGAT. UNDER THE EXISTING AGREEMENT THE FLEETS CAN FISH TO WITHIN FOUR MILES OF EACH OTHERS COASTLINE. THIS LIMIT APPARENTLY IS TO BE EXTENDED.

5. MINISTER ISHKOV TOLD THE DANES THAT THW MAJOR ISSUE PREVENTING A FISHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EC AND THE SOVIET UNION

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DOES NOT CONCERN FISHERIES BUT IS OF A POLITICAL NATURE. THIS RELATES TO THE JURISDICTION OVER WEST BERLIN. THE SOVIETS ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCEPT EC JURISDICTION OVER THE WEST BERLIN ENCLAVE AND AT THE LAST NEGOTIATING SESSION THE EC INSISTED ON THE SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF THE EC POSITION. ISHKOV SAID THE FISHERIES NEGOTIATING IS NOT COMPLICATED AND COULD BE RESOLVED EASILY IF IT WAS NOT FOR THE WEST BERLIN PROBLEM.

6. MR. HERTOFT ALSO INDICATED THAT HE RECENTLY HAD A LONG CONVERSATION WITH THE EC'S GUNDELACH ABOUT THE SOVIET NEGOTIATIONS. MR. GUNDELACH TOLD HIM THAT THE EC WILL HAVE TO COME UP WITH SOME SORT OF COMPROMISE SO AN AGREEMENT CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED, HOPEFULLY AT THE NEXT SESSION IN MAY. THE PIECEMEAL EXTENSION OF FISHING RIGHTS TO THE EAST BLOC COUNTRIES IS BECOMING VERY EMBARRASSING TO EC OFFICIALS AND MEMBER STATES.
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